

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Pai-Hung Pan

**Serial No.:** 09/072,959

**Filed:** May 5, 1998

**For:** TECHNIQUE FOR FORMING  
SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION  
STRUCTURE WITHOUT CORNER  
EXPOSURE AND RESULTING  
STRUCTURE

**Confirmation No.:** 7136

**Examiner:** G. Fourson III

**Group Art Unit:** 2823

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action of January 11, 2010, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on April 11, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.